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Corps to hold Spring Valley Restoration Advisory Board Meeting

Baltimore – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, will hold the first meeting of the **Spring Valley Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) on Monday, May 14, 2001, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Westmoreland Congregational Church, 1 Westmoreland Circle, Room 35.** Topics to be discussed will include the Right-of-Entry forms distributed to the community and area-wide sampling plan. This meeting is open to the public.

Presently, the Army is reviewing community comments received during the recent 30-day public comment period for the Corps' proposed area-wide arsenic sampling in Spring Valley, a Formerly Used Defense Site. The newly established RAB will provide a small group, working-meeting forum for an in-depth exchange of information and ideas regarding the sampling plan, the comments received and other concerns identified.

The RAB is comprised of 21 members from the Corps of Engineers, Environmental Protection Agency, D.C. Department of Health, Spring Valley community and other stakeholders involved in the cleanup of Spring Valley. The 14 community RAB members, announced at the May 1 community meeting, were chosen by a volunteer selection committee of nine Spring Valley residents. The committee made its selections with the goal of providing the RAB with a diverse, cross-section of views to ensure community concerns are thoroughly included in the Corps' ongoing environmental cleanup efforts.

The establishment of the RAB will not reduce the Corps' continued efforts to keep the broader community informed and involved. The next community informational meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2001, 7 p.m., at the Sibley Hospital Auditorium.

Meeting minutes and other materials can be obtained by calling the **Baltimore District Public Affairs Office at 410-962-2809/1-800-434-0988**, or through the Spring Valley website at: <http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/projects/WashingtonDC/springvalley.htm>.